

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON XIII, SECOND QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, JUNE 24.

Text of the Lesson.—A Comprehensive Quarterly Review—Golden Text, Math. vi. 10.—Commentary Prepared by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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LESSON I.—The beatitudes (Math. iv, 23, to v. 12). Golden Text, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Math. v. 8). The Teacher is God manifest in the flesh, and the words are the words of God (1 Tim. iii, 16; John xiv, 10), and the words are the words of God, and He would reproduce both words and works in some measure in each believer if we were fully yielded to Him, for we are here "in Christ's stead," that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal bodies (II Cor. v, 20; iv, 10, 11).

LESSON II.—Precepts and promises (Math. vii, 1-14). Golden Text, Math. vii, 12. "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." This lesson is also part of the sermon on the mount, in which our Lord teaches us of the Father, His love to us and care of us and what our attitude to Him and consequently to our fellow men should be. Knowing our Father and having confidence in Him takes away all anxious care and causes us to live to His glory.

LESSON III.—The daughter of Jairus raised (Mark v, 22-24, 33-43). Golden Text, "Be not afraid, only believe." The three instances of Christ raising the dead—the ruler's daughter, the widow's son and Lazarus—are suggestive of this among other things, that when Jesus comes to earth for His people there will be some who have just died, some bodies on the way to burial and some corrupting, like that of Lazarus, but all the dead bodies shall live again, they that are Christ's at His coming and the rest of the dead at the end of the thousand years (John v, 28; I Cor. xv, 23; Rev. xx, 5).

LESSON IV.—The centurion's servant healed (Luke vii, 1-10). Golden Text, Ps. ciii, 13, "Like as a father pitieth his children so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him." It is a mistake to think that we can be worthy to receive anything from God. Redemption and all its benefits are given to us freely in Christ and for His sake (Rom. iii, 24; viii, 32). He alone is worthy, and it becomes us to pray, "O Lord, though our iniquities testify against us, do Thou it for Thy name's sake" (Jer. xiv, 7).

LESSON V.—Jesus and John the Baptist (Luke vii, 18-28). Golden Text, Mark vii, 87, "He hath done all things well." John the Baptist, great in the sight of the Lord, no greater ever born of woman (verse 28 and Luke i, 15), imprisoned for righteousness' sake and seemingly neglected by our Lord, sends messengers to ask our Lord if He is the Christ or if there is to be another. It looks as if John was offended, for the Lord Jesus sent the message to him, "Blessed is he who ever shall not be offended in Me" (verse 23).

LESSON VI.—Jesus warning and inviting (Math. xi, 20-30). Golden Text, Math. xi, 28, "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." To whom much is given of them shall much be required, and the cities here mentioned had privileges above Tyre and Sidon and Sodom which made their responsibility all the greater. There is much to discourage one in this world, much opposition to what is right and much misjudgment of one's aims and actions, but there is rest in telling Jesus and in doing what He did, accept all as from God and say, "I thank Thee, O Father."

LESSON VII.—Jesus at the Pharisee's house (Luke vii, 36-50). Golden Text, Luke vii, 50, "Thy faith hath saved thee." There is little hope for people who, like this Simon, consider themselves righteous, for the Lord Jesus said, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." What a deception the devil practices upon us when he makes us think that our clothing is good when it is only filthy rags and that we are rich and need nothing when we are poor and blind and need everything! (Isa. lxiv, 6; Rev. iii, 17, 18).

LESSON VIII.—Parable of the sower (Math. xiii, 1-9 and 18-23). Golden Text, Luke viii, 11, "The seed is the word of God." The Simon of the last lesson is a sample of Israel as a nation, specially of her rulers and leaders, the priests, scribes and Pharisees. They needed no Saviour, having a righteousness of their own (Rom. x, 3), and so rejected and crucified Christ.

LESSON IX.—Parables of the kingdom (Math. xiii, 24-33). Golden Text, Math. xiii, 33, "The field is the world." This is a continuation of last week's lesson and describes more fully the phase of the kingdom manifest in this present age. Among the children of God will be found the children of the devil to the end of the age. These children of the wicked one will be found in prominent places in the church, like the birds in the branches.

LESSON X.—The twelve sent forth (Math. ix, 35, to x, 8). Golden Text, Math. x, 20, "It is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you." Those who are willing to be sent forth by Him as His messengers, bearing the precious seed of His word, must remember that they are as sheep in the midst of wolves, that they must not fear them which kill the body, that they must trust the Spirit for the words they are to speak and have no anxiety about temporal things.

LESSON XI.—Death of John the Baptist (Mark vi, 14-29). Golden Text, Eph. v, 18, "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit." Some think that if they are filled with the Spirit they will be sure to accomplish great things for God in the eyes of men. John was filled with the Spirit from his birth, yet he did no miracle. His public work was only for a few months; he was for months in prison and then beheaded. But in him God was glorified. Peter, filled with the Spirit, saw a multitude saved, while Stephen, filled with the Spirit, received stones enough to kill him.

LESSON XII.—The feeding of five thousand (John vi, 5-14). Golden Text, Math. vi, 11, "Give us this day our daily bread." There are hundreds of millions without the bread of life, and we are, like the disciples, inclined to let them buy themselves bread as best they can. Our Lord says, "Give ye them to eat." We, like Philip and Andrew, think it cannot be done. The Lord is as ready and able to feed the hungry as when He fed those 5,000.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic: For the Week Beginning June 24.—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle. Topic.—Our eternal destiny.—Math. xiii, 47-50. THE PARABLE.

The parable of the net, which forms our study, has usually been associated with that of the tares. The tares teaches the impossibility of successfully separating the good and the evil in this world. The net teaches that God will make this separation "at the end of the world." Christ in this parable likens the kingdom of Heaven to a net cast into the sea. Every kind of fish are gathered into the net, and when it is full it is drawn to the shore. The good are put into vessels; the bad are cast away. "So shall it be at the end of the world; the angels shall come forth and sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire; then shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

THE INTERPRETATION.

The sea is the whole world; the net is the church. Those who cast the net are Christ's apostles and ministers. The fish are those who come into the church and profess to be disciples of Christ, some good, others bad; some sincere, others false in their profession. At the end of the world is the judgment, and at that time the angels of God, with unerring discrimination, shall eternally separate the good and bad, the sincere professor and the hypocrite.

THE APPLICATION.

This parable can be strikingly applied to our eternal destiny. It teaches great and eternal truths concerning our destiny beyond the grave; it teaches:

First.—There is an eternal destiny. That death does not end all is clearly the teaching of this parable. The end of the world is portrayed. But men are not dead. All are alive, both good and bad. Science, philosophy and theology unite in teaching this great truth today as never before. The greatest scientists and philosophers today, as well as the theologians, firmly believe in a future life. It is not all of life to live nor all of death to die. We shall live again. Our destiny is not temporal, but eternal.

Second.—There are two conditions of existence in eternity, and God Himself, through His angels, will separate men for the destiny that awaits them. The good fish were put into vessels and the bad cast back into sea; the good men were separated from the evil and the evil cast into the furnace of fire; the

good remained forever with God, and the evil were cast forever from Him. There are two conditions of existence in the future. Men cannot here separate the good and evil, but "the Lord knoweth them that are His and will one day bring these confusions to an end, separating the precious from the vile, the gold from the dross, the true kernel of humanity from the husk in which for awhile it was enveloped."

3. Our eternal destiny is determined by our relation to Christ in this world. It is here that we are good or bad, just or unjust, sincere or false, and it is in this life therefore that we are determining what shall be the character and condition of our eternal destiny. What shall it be, viewed in the light of our present attitude toward God in Christ? Are we true or false? Are we possessors or simply professors? Upon the answer to these questions depends our eternal destiny, and we cannot deceive God.

THE PRAYER MEETING.

Arrange a special programme with prepared papers or addresses on (1) science and the future, (2) philosophy and the future and (3) the Bible and the future. This is a splendid opportunity to make a comprehensive study of this great and important subject.

BIBLE READINGS.

Ps. i, 1-6; xxiii, 1-6; Eccl. xii, 13, 14; Dan. xii, 3; Math. xxv, 31-46; Rom. vi, 23; xiv, 12, 13; I Cor. xv, 51-58; I Pet. i, 1-5; Rev. ii, 10.

OUR COLORED CITIZENS.

Mr. Ison Johnson was married Sunday at Hopkinsville.

Rev. Gordon left Monday for Sturgis to attend the convention.

The Earlinton club beat the Madisonville team Sunday, the score being 15 to 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Haddox have returned home from their visit.

Jesse Bailey, of this place, died Sunday at 7:15 a. m., and was buried that afternoon at 4.

Bob Killebrew is on the sick list.

Mrs. Ellen Merriweather is improving.

Mrs. Nanny Hollen is on the sick list.

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your neighbor.

There will be a picnic given by the A. M. E. Zion Sunday-school at Alexander's Park, Saturday, June 23. There will be speaking and music during the day. At night there will be a pie-eating and ice-sitting contest at the Masonic Hall. Admission 10 cents. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The apostles lived a higher life than the average minister and church people of today before Pentecost and yet they are called sinners by persons who wish to evade the

Scriptures. But we know according to the Savior's word that they were not sinners, for Jesus in John 17:14 "They are not of the world." They had shouting religion, Luke 24:52-53. They had faith in Christ revealed to them by the Father, Matthew 16:17. They were branches of the true vine, John 15:5. Did you ever hear of sinners having shouting religion or that was not of the world or names branch of the true vine? The apostles had all the above qualities and more and yet they had to be sanctified, John 17:17.

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Zachariah Bonner was mentioned in THE BEE last week. Zachariah was the first and only colored man in the Crabtree and St. Charles region to take up the "cause" of the U. M. W. and starvation to wife and children. But Zack believes in doing as he pleases with wife and children and he wouldn't mind applying the starvation plan to them. In fact Zack maintains that a man's house is to such extent his castle that if the man takes a notion he has the right to beat or kill his wife and no other man should interfere.

Only a few months ago Zack put this theory into operation by attacking his wife with an iron rod. He beat her over the head and would probably have killed her if two men had not interfered to prevent. He resented their interference and tried to kill them and afterwards said he had a right to do as he pleased in his own house—even to beat or kill his wife.

The wife was seriously injured, was under the care of physicians for some weeks and for a time her recovery was in doubt. It happens that Zack's family are good people of some influence and that they have good friends among the white people. Through the kind influence of Zack's family and these friends he has escaped punishment so far. But sympathy for a wife beater is not strong in the human breast and as a felony case never gets too old Zack may yet meet justice.

It is no wonder that Zachariah's advocacy of the U. M. W. has not been met with approval by the honest, industrious, self-respecting colored miners of his vicinity. They see better things than to follow a wife-beater into an organization that offers idleness to the bread-winner and starvation to his family. They prefer the steady employment, good wages, fair treatment and pleasant personal relations with the employers that now exist throughout Hopkins county's prosperous and busy mining district.

ST. CHARLES.

ST. CHARLES, Ky., June 18. Last Sunday the 10th inst., was Rev. John T. Martin's day at White Plains. His subject was, "None of these things move me," and he expressed himself very well. Brother Martin's family accompanied him to White Plains and enjoyed themselves well.

Rev. J. W. Davy filled his appointment at the Baptist Church here last Sunday. Brother Davy is planning to have a rally some time in the future.

The St. Bernard Band's picnic was a financial success.

The next great thing in St. Charles will be a barbecue given by the colored people on July 28.

Flemen Bell and Mrs. Agnes Johnson are on the sick list this week.

Willie Wimbley, who has been sick for the past week, is no better at this writing.

Mrs. Sallie Wallace was very sick last week, but she is better.

Miss Ader Griffy's social on last Saturday evening was a success.

HECLA ITEMS.

James Henry Wright is on the sick list.

Mrs. Fannie Wright was very sorry to hear of her brother, Andy Harrison, of St. Louis, getting shot and killed by a drunken man a few days ago.

George Lane is on the sick list.

QUICK RELIEF FOR ATHMA. Miss Maude Dickens, Parsons, Kas., writes: "I suffered eight years with asthma in its worst form. I had several attacks during the last year and was not expected to live through them. I began using Foley's Honey and Tar and it has never failed to give immediate relief."

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